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Title: A Pirates Tale

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Hello friend! One of the more colorful characters in Sosaria is Lady Grace, the Pirate! Over a bottle of rum she told me how she came to these lands:

Well, since yer writin all this down I better start with me full name. Lady Grace O'Malley. I aint always been a Lady, fact is many doubt that I am now but they wont say it to me face! I started out the 7th daughter to a farmer. Well, if 6 daughters weren't useless enough then you can imagine how unhappy me pap was when I came along. He was hoping for some help with the fields and animals and my sisters were into sewing and cooking and all that girlie stuff. Well, I sought to prove that I was useful and from an early age I would carry buckets of water for the pot and shovel hay into the stalls. When I got stronger I would chop wood and mend the fences. I always dressed like a boy since muckin about in the fields in a dress just didn't work. Me pap kinda gave me a grudging acceptance and we worked the farm till the day he dropped dead in the manure pile.

After pap died, me mum and sisters were

all a twitter bout how
they would support
themselves now. They all
decided they must find
men and marry quickly! To
see them in town tossin
themselves on anything
with two legs was a
hoot! I swear to this day
one of em married a
Forrest Ostard in her
rush to the altar! I had
enough of the marryin
talk and left for the
city of Moonglow.

Not much farmin in Moonglow so I started right off learning to fish and spent a good bit of time hangin out at the docks. Mending ships was a bit like mendin fences so I took work fixing the rigging and rudders of the ships at the docks. I still dressed like a boy and everyone thought I was one. That worked fine for me.

I would listen to the sailors talkin bout the places they'd been and the treasure they'd seen. I would listen to the stories while mendin ropes and one day one of em asked me if I would crew on his ship. I readily agreed and the next day set out on my first sea adventure with great excitement! Before the day was half done we were set upon by Pirates and so my career as a sailor was cut rather short.

The Pirates tied up the Captain and made him watch as they slaughtered his whole crew. His eyes were full of tears as he was a good Captain and loved his crew. When they dragged me outta

my hiding place and put the daggar to my throat the Captain was able to spit his gag out and yelled "That one is useful, spare his life and take mine!" Well, the Pirates were gonna kill him anyway but their captain turned his good eye toward me and asked, "Well lad, are ya useful?" Inspired by the merchant Captain's bravery I wrestled myself from my captors, grabbed a daggar and stabbed the Pirate Captain right in the leg, which ended up being made of wood and so the daggar stuck there. The pirate crew quickly grabbed me and bound me, but the Pirate Captain found the whole situation extremely amusing. I guess he was probably crazy anyway but he told the crew I showed courage and true Pirate instincts. Kill first, negotiate later!

Pulling the daggar from his wooden leg, the Pirate Captain grabbed my arm and sliced my hand open, then sticking the daggar into his own hand, he clasped our bloody hands together. Yelling to all the crew: BOUND BY THE PIRATES BLOOD A PIRATE TILL DEATH!

Now lad, when you find some more rum maybe I'll tell ya how I got me first ship and learnt to pee standin up!

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